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PATENT

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: Art Unit: 2116

Serial No.: 09/751,233

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METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR  
REGULATING CURRENT FOR  
PROGRAMMABLE LOGIC CONTROLLERS

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## 1. Transmitted herewith is:

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## STATUS

## 2. Applicant

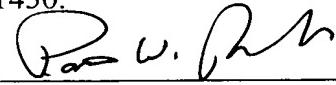

claims small entity status.  
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(complete (a) or (b), as applicable)

- (a)  **X** Applicant petitions for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. 1.136  
(Fees: 37 C.F.R. 1.17(a)-(d) for the total number of months checked below:)

Extension for response within:	Other than small entity Fee	Small entity Fee (if applicable)
first month	\$ 120.00	\$ 60.00
second month	\$ 450.00	\$ 225.00
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Fee: \$1,020.00

If an additional extension of time is required, please consider this a petition therefor.

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OR

- (b) — Applicant believes that no extension of term is required. However, this conditional petition is being made to provide for the possibility that applicant has inadvertently overlooked the need for a petition for extension of time.

## FEE FOR CLAIMS

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(a)  No additional fee for Claims is required

**OR**

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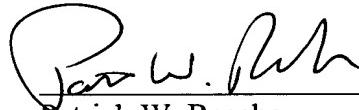
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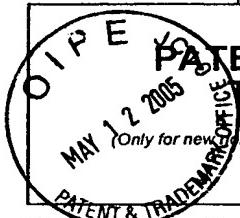
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(Only for new nonprovisional applications under 37 CFR 1.53(b))

Attorney Docket No.	30GF-1107
First Inventor	Ronald E. Gareis
Title	METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR REGULATING CURRENT FOR PROGRAMMABLE LOGIC CONTROLLERS
Express Mail Label No.	EL319708925US

**APPLICATION ELEMENTS**

See MPEP chapter 600 concerning utility patent application contents.

1.  Fee Transmittal Form (e.g., PTO/SB/17)  
(Submit an original, and a duplicate for fee processing)
2.  Application claims small entity status.  
See 37 CFR 1.27
3.  Specification [ Total Pages 11 ]  
(Preferred arrangement set forth below)
  - Descriptive title of the Invention
  - Cross References to Related Applications
  - Statement Regarding Fed sponsored R & D
  - Reference to sequence listing, a table, or a computer program listing appendix
  - Background of the Invention
  - Brief Summary of the Invention
  - Brief Description of the Drawings (if filed)
  - Detailed Description
  - Claim(s)
  - Abstract of the Disclosure
4.  Drawing(s) (35 USC 113) [ Total Sheets 2 ]
5. Oath or Declaration [ Total Pages 2 ]
  - a.  Newly executed (original or copy)
  - b.  Copy from a prior application (37 CFR 1.63(d))  
(for continuation/divisional with Box 18 completed)
    - i.  DELETION OF INVENTOR(S)  
Signed statement attached deleting inventor(s) named in the prior application, see 37 CFR 1.63(d)(2) and 1.33(b).
6.  Application Data Sheet. See 37 CFR 1.76

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    - ii.  paper
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9.  Assignment Papers (cover sheet & document(s))
10.  37 CFR 3.73(b) Statement  
(when there is an assignee)  Power of Attorney
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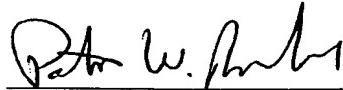
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- Six (6) pages of specification; four (4) pages of claims; one (1) page of abstract
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